

CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A device for golf putting practice comprising a member with a longitudinal centerline, a head end and a back end, means for positioning a golf ball at the head end of the member so that the center of the golf ball is in alignment with the centerline.

2. A device according to claim 1, wherein the means for positioning is configured to allow the golf ball to rest on a putting surface and proceed toward a target without interference from the device.

3. A device according to claim 1, wherein the means for positioning is comprised of a cutout at the head end of the device.

4. A device according to claim 3, wherein the cutout is semicircular.

5. A device according to claim 1, further including a horizontal line, said horizontal line being perpendicular to the centerline.

1 6. A device according to claim 5, wherein the horizontal line is near
2 the head end of the device.

1 7. A device according to claim 1, further including a plurality of
2 horizontal lines, each horizontal line being perpendicular to the centerline.

1 8. A device according to claim 7, wherein the plurality of horizontal
2 lines include a horizontal line near the head end of the device.

1 9. A device according to claim 1, further including at least one hole.

1 10. A device according to claim 9, wherein the hole is near the back
2 end of the device and sized to accommodate a tee.

1 11. A device according to claim 1, further including legible
2 instructions of use on the device.

1 12. A device according to claim 1, wherein the device is a one-piece
2 apparatus.

1 13. A device according to claim 12, wherein the device is configured
2 for use on artificial and natural putting surfaces.

1 14. A device according to claim 1, wherein the device is configured to
2 not physically control or constrain a putting swing.

1 15. A device according to claim 1, wherein the device is configured to
2 not physically control or constrain a putting stance.

1 16. A method of putting using a device according to claim 1 and a
2 putter, said putter having a face and a sweet spot, said method comprising
3 steps of:

4 placing the device on the putting surface;

5 positioning a golf ball adjacent to or abutting the head end of the
6 device and in alignment with the centerline of the device;

7 squaring the putter so that the putter head is generally
8 perpendicular to the centerline, the face of the putter is generally
9 perpendicular to a surface of the device, and the sweet spot of the putter is
10 generally aligned with the centerline;

11 moving the putter head back with the sweet spot aligned with the

12 centerline;

13 and moving the putter head forward in alignment with the
14 centerline, so that the sweet spot of the squared putter face impacts the
15 aligned golf ball.

1 17. A one-piece device for golf putting practice comprising:
2 a member with a longitudinal centerline,
3 a head end and a back end,
4 a cutout at the head end configured to position a golf ball in
5 alignment with the centerline,
6 a hole for accommodating a tee; and
7 a horizontal line, said horizontal line being perpendicular to the
8 centerline and adjacent to the head end.

1 18. A device according to claim 17, wherein the cutout is semicircular.

1 19. A device according to claim 17, wherein the hole is near the back
2 end of the device.

1 20. A device according to claim 17, further including legible
2 instructions of use on the device.